REMARKS

This Amendment is prepared in response to the Office communication mailed on 30 November 2006 (Paper No. 20061126). Claims 26 thru 27 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 1 thru 25 are pending in the application.

In view of the above, it is submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are patentable over the cited references, taken either alone or combination and accordingly should now be in a conditions suitable for allowance.

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon all of the claims now present in the application is respectfully requested.

No fee is incurred by this Amendment.

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27. (New) The file list display apparatus according to claim 26, further comprising a cursor

button for selecting at least one of the files in the sub-list,

wherein the updating of the files by the forward skip button and the backward skip button is

performed in regard to the file selected by the cursor button by changing the selected file with a from

one of the files of a sequentially previous sub-list or a sequentially subsequent sub-list, respectively.

28. (New) The file list display apparatus according to claim 21, further comprising:

a detection unit for detecting the entire list from the recording medium; and

a storage unit for storing the entire list detected by the detection unit, wherein the controller

creates the sub-list from the entire list stored in the storage unit.

29. (New) A file list display method, comprising the steps of:

reading an entire list of files recorded in a recording medium;

creating one or more sub-lists having a predetermined number of files selected in the entire

list, each sub-list being different from the other sub-lists, whenever a display command is input; and

successively displaying each of the sub-lists created in the creating step whenever the display

command is input, wherein the creating comprises:

grouping the files successively listed in the entire file list by the predetermined

number of files, and selecting one file from each of the grouped files, to create one or more

sub-lists having the selected files.

30. (New) The file list display method according to claim 29, wherein the display command includes:

a forward display command for successively displaying the respective files forming the sub-lists according to a forward list order of the files; and

a backward display command for successively displaying the respective files forming the sub-lists according to a backward list order of the files.

31. (New) The file list display method according to claim 29, further comprising a step of storing the entire list after the reading step,

wherein, in the creating step, the sub-lists are created from the stored entire list.

32. (New) A method of controlling a file list display apparatus having a plurality of files of data recorded on a vast-capacity recording medium, said method comprising:

detecting all the files recorded on said vast-capacity recording medium;

storing a list of said detected files in a storage unit separate from the vast-capacity recording medium;

creating one or more sub-lists of said list of said detected files stored in said storage unit by grouping the files successively listed in the detected files by a predetermined number of files, and selecting one file from each of the grouped files, to create one or more sub-lists having the selected files;

10   displaying one of said sub-lists;

11   detecting an input of a display command or a skip command;

12   displaying a next sub-list or a previous sub-list, when said display command is detected;

13   displaying, when said skip command is detected, said list in a forward or backward sequential

14 one-by-one scrolling manner having no more than a predetermined number of files in said list

15 displayed at any one time.

1   33. (New) The method as set forth in claim 32, said skip command being detected by

2 determining whether a rewind button or a fast forward button has been activated.

1   34. (New) The method as set forth in claim 32, said display command being detected by

2 detecting activation of a mode button in combination with activation of a rewind button or a fast

3 forward button.

1   35. (New) The method as set forth in claim 32, said display command being detected by

2 detecting activation of either of a rewind button and a fast forward button when a mode button is in

3 an on state, and said skip command being detected by detecting activation of either of said rewind

4 button and said fast forward button when said mode button is in an off state.

1   36. (New) The method as set forth in claim 32, each said sub-list comprising a different

2 group of said files, each said group comprising said predetermined number of files.

37. (New) The method as set forth in claim 32, wherein said files are grouped sequentially to form said sub-lists.

38. (New) The method as set forth in claim 36, wherein said files contain music data and are grouped according to a one of a song title, an album a song came from, an artist who did the song or a song's genre.

REMARKS

A.   Entry of Amendment is respectfully requested

Claims 1-20 have been canceled in favor of new claim 21-38, as presented, taking into account the disclosure set forth in paragraphs [0035] and [0036].

B.   Claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as rendered obvious and unpatentable, over Pond et al. (US 5,886,690) in view of Bergstedt (US 6,750,886). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the following reason(s).

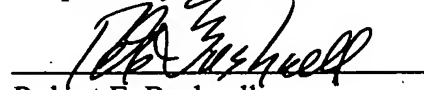The rejection is now moot in view of the Amendment.

C.   Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as rendered obvious and unpatentable, over Pond et al. (US 5,886,690) in view of Bergstedt (US 6,750,886) and in further view of van Zoest et al. (US 6,496,802). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the following reason(s).

The rejection is now moot in view of the Amendment.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, withdraw the objections and/or rejections in view of the above amendments and/or remarks.

A Request for Continued Examination and A Petition for a three month extension of time and their respective fees accompany this Amendment. Should the Petition become lost, the Commissioner is requested to treat this paragraph as a petition for an extension of time, and should the check become lost, be deficient in payment, or should other fees be incurred, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4943 of Applicant's undersigned attorney in the amount of such fees.

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